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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, August 8, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Reward offered for missing property

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Resident Agency Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$4,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the larceny of 30 Panasonic notebook computers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, which occurred sometime between July 3 and July 5. Any information concerning this crime should be provided to the Criminal Investigation Command immediately. This reward expires on Oct. 9. Contact the APG Resident Agency at 410-278-5261/5262.

### Stress management for changing times

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Committee for the Disabled is presenting "Managing Stress During Times of Change" at Top of the Bay, Aug. 2, 3 p.m. Paul Papp, employee assistance program coordinator, APG garrison, is the guest speaker.

For more information call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140/3, or Judy Matthews, 410-278-1050/3.

### Strive not to drive

Aug. 7 marks the date that Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate its second annual Carpool Day. This event is being conducted as part of the Ozone Action Days Program in an effort to help reduce air pollution. Management officials are encouraging everyone to find alternative ways of getting to work on Carpool Day.

Automobiles account for over 25 percent of the air pollution that is emitted into the environment. Carpooling reduces the amount of vehicles on the road, which in turn reduces the amount of pollution emitted into our air.

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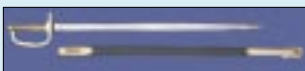
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# APG gives change of command performance



Photo by JOSHUA MCKERROW  
Col. Mardi U. Mark addresses the audience after assuming command of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison during the July 24 change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field.

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

In a ceremony rife with military pomp and circumstance, Col. Mardi U. Mark, assumed command of the U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground from Col. Robert J. Spidel, during the change of command July 24.

Spidel moves on to command the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Forward, in Heidelberg, Germany.

Soldiers from the garrison and tenant units assembled on Fanshaw Field amid an impressive display of garrison assets provided by emergency responders from the Aberdeen Area Fire Department and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. Officer Jim Toscano, and other DLES personnel manned a display of riot control and apprehension equipment.

Included in the ceremony were soldiers from the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada from Reston, Va.

The dense heat and high humidity for the day held off long enough for all to enjoy the ceremony, which drew politicians and community leaders from around the county and the state.

Dignitaries included Harford County Executive James Harkins, Aberdeen Mayor Douglas Wilson, Maryland Delegate Joanne S. Parrott, Harford County Council members and representatives of Congressman Robert L. Ehrlich and Maryland Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, was the

host commander and Lt. Col. Thomas P. Kuchar, garrison, commanded the troops.

Staff Sgt. George Torbert, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, was the program's narrator.

Doesburg said the assembly on the parade field represented the "heart and soul" of APG.

"The most challenging yet most rewarding part of the garrison is its 17 different commands," Doesburg said adding that Spidel led them all "with integrity and respect."

He described Mark as "truly capable of taking charge of APG."

"She has led at every level of command and is a great soldiering soldier," he said. "There will be another couple of great years at APG. Just stand back and watch."

Spidel thanked the soldiers before him noting that most represented the installation's 59 organizations, and singled out the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Salute Battery for its Howitzer salute, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), as "magnificent ambassadors," and the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada, for providing the first-ever combined services review at APG.

Calling his job a "challenging but wonderful experience, he said "the soldiers and civilians here made every moment worth living."

After thanking his family from Georgia, led by his mother Rose Spidel, he asked that all throw their support behind Mark "who has unmatched credentials."

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## Mark excited over return to "ordnance roots"

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Proclaiming her awe at the enduring relationship between Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations and the surrounding community, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, expressed excitement at returning to her "ordnance roots" to lead the APG garrison into the new century.

A graduate of the U.S. Army

Ordnance Center and Schools basic and advanced officer courses, Mark, a Pennsylvania native, called the assignment a "dream come true."

"When I found out I was coming here I had to pinch myself," Mark said. "I couldn't ask for a better assignment."

Describing herself as an "outgoing extrovert," Mark said she likes to get out of the office and talk to people.

"Don't be surprised to see me

coming through the door," she said. "It won't be to look over anyone's shoulder, but to gain as complete an understanding of what it is you do as possible."

In the short time she's been here, Mark said she has worked to familiarize herself with the challenges facing the installation concerning the A-76 study, and has formed a solid opinion about the civilian work force.

"There are a lot of unsung heroes

out there," she said. "I'd like to see appropriate recognition for those in the work force who see us through this transition."

Acknowledging the post's training mission, she said the noncommissioned officer corps has a "stringent mission that works."

"They have a tough job in getting young soldiers ready to take their place in the Army," Mark said. "We

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## War hero receives the Purple Heart

By Evelyn B. Riley  
CHPPM

Unselfish and personal courageous acts in the Republic of Vietnam in 1966 earned the Purple Heart for Douglas J. Bazemore, an employee of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Thirty-five years later, Lt. Gen. James Peake, Surgeon General, Department of the Army, and commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, presented the award to Bazemore on July 20 at a special ceremony in his honor.

Co-workers, friends, and family, some with tears in their

eyes, applauded as Peake placed the Purple Heart around his neck.

In June 1966, Bazemore was air lifted out of a foxhole and transported from hospital to hospital back to Valley Forge General Hospital to recuperate from his wounds. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism in September 1966.

At the time there were many wounded soldiers and the Veterans Administration ran out of Purple Hearts; Bazemore was told he would get his Purple Heart later, when there were more available.

### Blazing a trail

Bazemore pursued receiving the Purple Heart through the Veterans Administration in his hometown of Bel Air.

The Veteran's Administration assigned Leo Sullivan, attorney at law and a friend of the family, who initiated the paper work. Over the years, he corresponded back and forth submitting proper records and documentation. Sullivan passed away and with him went all records. Periodically Bazemore made phone calls and continued to work through the VA.

In 1990, Bazemore married

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## APG Garrison continues CA study

Col. Mardi U. Mark, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground announced today that continuation of the A-76 process (commercial activities study) will begin Aug 1.

Functional areas under this continuation effort will be limited to the directorates of Public Works and Logistics. Approximately 400 authorized positions will be studied.

The amendment of the Request for Proposal and subsequent re-opening among private sector offerors was recommended by the General Accounting Office and was adopted by the garrison.

The new study will not include child development and youth services activities. Results of the continuation study are expected to be implemented in early 2003.

During the past six months the garrison has undergone an organization-wide reshape which, according to Mark, will allow the garrison to enter the new process with up-to-date information.

The garrison originally intended to begin the restudy process in late October after completion of the reshape. However, interest from the Congress and GAO have spurred the garrison to move ahead more quickly than planned.

"I am very sensitive to the concerns of the garrison's employees and their interest in the continuation and outcome of the new study," Mark said. "I will make every attempt to provide accurate timely information to the work force and keep them apprised as new developments occur. Regular work force briefings will be scheduled to keep all of our people informed."

## New telephone system offers more

By Brenda Saddler  
DOIM

Successful management of a telephone system requires time and effort and depends in large part on the integrity of the user. Last year, a receptionist rang up \$120,000 worth of calls to a psychic hotline from her workstation.

Although this is a rare occurrence, and did not take place at Aberdeen Proving Ground, as much as 20 percent of workplace telephone use is known to be personal in nature.

The Directorate of Information Management is actively working to affect improvements to the telephone management system here at APG, with the dual goal of

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## John Michael Montgomery headlines APG concert

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field will glitter with country gold in a few weeks. The upcoming country music concert, scheduled for an outdoor performance Aug. 18 at Aberdeen Area Shine Sports field, features three top music acts. John Michael Montgomery, with 10 number one country singles under his belt, headlines the entertainment for the evening of countless country favorites, which also includes vocal performances by Diamond

Rio and Tim Rushlow.

Montgomery attracted millions of fans in 1993, with the release of his first hit, "Life's a Dance." His country-to-the-core voice, which is equally at home on uptempo honky-tonkers like "Be My Baby Tonight" and "Sold" as it is on unforgettable ballads like "I Swear" and "I Love The Way You Love Me," appeals to fans of both sexes and all ages.

"I love performing so much," said Montgomery. "I hope it never ends and is always a part of my life."

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John Michael Montgomery



# OBC class prepares training site



Photo by 2nd LT YOLANDA BODRICK  
Twenty-eight members of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Officers Basic Course class 08-01 teamed up to erect 13 general purpose medium tents at the Gunpowder Falls Military Reservation as part of their community service project. Setting up a tent from left are, 2nd Lts. George Childs, Nate Vodila, David Foster, Crystal Ballard, Emily Potter and James Dagostin.

# APG engineer receives long awaited medal

**HERO, from front page**  
his wife, Mary. She picked up the pieces and over several years made repeated requests for the Purple Heart.

“I wanted to help Doug get the Purple Heart because he deserves it,” Mary said. “He has done so much to help so many people such as project manager for Habitat For Humanity in Harford County, soccer coach for Harford County Parks and Recreation, and helping out at the Trinity Lutheran Church. He is always helping others - that is just the way he is.”

They found a site on the Internet that gave an address for anyone who thought they might qualify for the Purple Heart. The first couple of responses were rejected because of lack of documentation - the original request was separated from the original documents. His last effort was copy furnished to Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander, CHPPM, which seemed to attract someone’s attention. The Department of Honors and Awards asked him to resubmit the application.

Bazemore received a letter from the Department of the Army, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va., on June 22, 2001 announcing that an award of the Purple Heart was approved. It took him 35 years to obtain this approval.

**The act of heroism**

While on a search and destroy operation, Bazemore was seriously wounded in the leg by the initial burst of fire from a well-entrenched North Vietnamese Army force. Although in extreme pain from his profusely bleeding wound, he pulled a hand grenade from his belt and began to crawl toward a camouflaged enemy machine gun bunker. Unmindful of the hail of bullets that swept the ground as he advanced, Bazemore inched up to the position where he was open to machine gun fire and threw the grenade, completely destroying the enemy position and crew. As a result of his heroic actions, Bazemore’s outnumbered platoon was able to regroup and repulse later attacks from the enemy. Bazemore’s devotion to duty and personal courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Peake spoke of how Bazemore displayed all of the Army values – loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

“Doug Bazemore displayed a powerful sense of honor that day. Though he felt he was dying, he went back into harm’s way in a selfless sacrifice,” Peake said.

“I pursued this medal 35 years, with countless letters to countless state and federal representatives without a response,” Bazemore said. “I



Photo by CAROLYN COLBURN  
*Douglas J. Bazemore*

needed to feel this in my hands just as I felt the life run from the bodies of those I held in my hands that day 35 years ago. I needed something real to assure me I was really there, that it wasn’t a bad dream, that I survived to keep the spirit of the others alive. If nothing else is understood here today, it must be made clear that I, and many more like me, knew we were laying our lives on the line to save our fellow comrades. The true reward is the sense of conviction, sacrifice, and the honor in commitment.

“In my letter I requested that the Purple Heart be presented at CHPPM as a testimonial of dedication,” Bazemore said. “I have the same dedica-

tion to USACHPPM that I had with the 101st Airborne.”

**The Purple Heart**

The Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first award made available to a common soldier, was created by one of the world’s most famed and best-loved heroes – Gen. George Washington. It is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy, and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is a combat decoration and considered the world’s costliest military decoration – 19 separate operations are required to make it from the rough heart stamped from bronze to the finished medal, plated with gold and enameled in various colors, suspended from a purple and white ribbon.

Bazemore, an engineering technician in the Soils Laboratory, Ground Water and Solid Waste Program, has been with USACHPPM since 1996. His duties involve computer graphics and cartography, map drawing, and illustrations to support the technical studies and surveys conducted by the project officers. He develops the computer assisted design, or CAD, and geographic information system, or GIS, for his program.

APG News staff

Students from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Officers Basic Course 08-01 helped to prepare the Gunpowder Falls Military Reservation for upcoming annual training by installing 13 general purpose medium tents. The reservation is located on the Maryland Army National Guard Training Range in Carney. Members of class 08-01 collaborated with the reservation manager to set up the tents that will be used for training by all branches of the military.

2nd Lt. Yolanda Bodrick led the community service project that was completed in time for the influx of trainees that will arrive this month. Twenty eight officers participated in the program – one of two community service projects that each class must perform during their 18-week course at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

“Our class grew closer to accomplish this for the good of all branches of the military,” Bodrick said.

After the tents were erected, the class held a cook-out at the military reservation.

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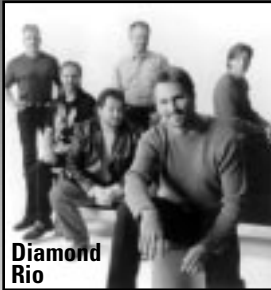
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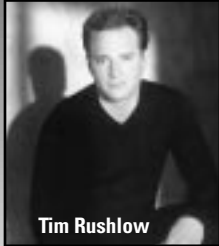
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# Ordnance Corps honors graduating lieutenants



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2nd Lt. Tara Fritz, distinguished graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course Class 5-01, presented a donation check for \$300 to Lisa LaRosa of the American Cancer Society on behalf of Class 5-01. The class voted to present the donation rather than the traditional art print donated to U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. LaRosa congratulated the students on their achievements and thanked them for the donation, which she stated would be put to good use in support of the American Cancer Society in the Mid-Atlantic Region.



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**By E. C. Starnes**  
OC&S

“You are leaders before you are Ordnance officers.”

Such was the advice offered by Maj. Gen. John J.

Deyermont to 18 officers graduating from the Ordnance Basic Officer Course July 20.

Deyermont, deputy chief of staff for Logistics and Readiness for the U.S. Army Materiel Command, provided some advice for the Army’s newest Ordnance officers during the graduation ceremonies for Class 5-01. A total of 18 officers, including one second lieutenant from Thailand, comprised the class, which began at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools five months ago.

Deyermont quoted General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, who noted, “The American soldier is a proud one and he demands professional competence from his leaders.”

“You are responsible for the survival of our nation,” he told the young officers as he pointed out their responsibilities to the nation and soldiers. “Only 6 percent [of the American population] has ever served in uniform.”

“The rank of lieutenant may seem small to you, but it is large in the career of all Army officers,” he stated.

The general noted that it is often stated that noncommissioned officers are the glue that holds the Army together.

- As he addressed the graduates, he spelled out several successful leadership traits that he had noted during his career.
- Maintain a sense of humor and a sense of humility.
  - Your reputation is everything. It is a constant as you move through the Army and it starts here today.
  - Make sure your leadership style fits your personality. Don’t try to be something you are not.
  - It is critical in our profession to develop a professional reading program.
  - You need to be enthusiastic.
  - You must learn the best way to spend your time.
  - Spend more time with soldiers than in an office.
  - As an Ordnance officer you are in a specialty that is more complex than any other in the Army. This builds credibility.
  - Seek responsibility and set the example. Along the way it’s okay to make mistakes.”
  - Keep your soldiers informed.
  - Focus on the positive.
  - You need to learn from your platoon sergeants and first sergeants.
  - Resist the urge to overuse electronic communications. Face-to-face is the way to go.
  - Don’t focus on your officer efficiency report. Focus on doing the best job you can.
  - When the day is done, go home to your family, not to the Army. Your family must come first.
  - Take those vacation days. You earned them. Let your subordinates run things in your absence. That’s called training.
  - Have a personal investment program.
- The general then joined OC&S Assistant Commandant Col. Kone Brugh and Command and Staff Department Director Lt. Col. Suzanne Rudat in presenting diplomas and awards to the graduates.
- Distinguished graduate — 2nd Lt. Tara Fritz was named the Distinguished Graduate and received the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Association Decius Wadsworth Distinguished Award of Scholarship and the National Defense Industrial Association Award. Fritz also received the 61st Ordnance Brigade Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance on the Army Physical Fitness Test. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.
- Honor graduates — 2nd Lts. Karsten J. Hall, Doris L.

Johnson and Jin Park were named honor graduates for placing among the top 20 percent of their class with an academic average of more than 90 percent.

Hall, who will be assigned to Fort Stewart, Ga., also received a Command and Staff Department Certificate of Achievement in recognition of outstanding performance by achieving Expert on the rifle range.

Johnson, a member of the Louisiana Army National Guard, also received a 61st Ordnance Brigade Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Park, who is being assigned to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, was also honored with a 61st Ordnance Brigade Certificate of Achievement for his outstanding performance on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Association of the United States Army Award — 2nd Lt. Martin F. Vasquez, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve in Texas, was recognized with the AUSA Award for “best epitomizing the professional Ordnance soldier.”

Command and Staff Department Certificates of Achievement — Also honored for their outstanding performance in achieving Expert on the rifle range were 2nd Lt. Kevin M. Monke, who will be assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., and 2nd Lt. Matt J. Smith, who will be assigned to Fort Stewart, Ga.

The remaining graduates and their assignments include 2nd Lts. Matthew N. Chargualaf (Washington Army National Guard), Dana M. Embody (Fort Benning, Ga.), Beth R. Frazee (Fort Sill, Okla.), Donald K. Grantham (Nebraska Army National Guard), Anthony D. Joseph (Fort Sill, Okla.), Kiwan Kim (Korea), Joshua Panek (Fort Campbell, Ken.), Araya Sayanhavikisit (Thailand), Benjamin J. Steichen (Korea), Larry Wright (Degree Completion Program), and Shawn R. Young (Korea).

BOLC graduates — Frazee, Young and Panek were the first Basic Officer Leaders Course, or BOLC, graduates to complete the Ordnance Officer Basic Course. BOLC is a new program conducted at Fort Benning, Ga. It is a seven-week course for all second lieutenants prior to their officer basic course. BOLC is not the Infantry Officer Basic Course, but rather a course designed to provide new lieutenants with an understanding of what leadership encompasses under stress and in field conditions.

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The College Fair will be held Aug. 14, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Anyone interested in furthering their education through resident, extended learning or distance learning courses should attend.

Veterans Administration and Green to Gold representatives will be on hand to answer questions as well as representatives from 24 organizations. For information, contact the Post Education Center at 410-278-3515 or 410-436-2166.

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“There is definitely some cause for concern here at the proving ground,” said Byrne Huntley, director of Information Management. “We are presently generating telephone bills with our new system, and the results indicate that there are some problems. In addition to the fact that there are individuals out there who are making personal toll calls at government expense, there are also individuals who are using the telephone system to access their external service provider for network access. This is a prohibited practice and a dangerous one from a security perspective.”

The DOIM’s new telecommunication management system provides modern features that benefit the customer in a number of ways, including access to the telephone directory, support for trouble calls, and access to telephone billing information. Serviced organizations will receive complete telephone bills which will include detailed, itemized charges for local and long distance usage, calling card usage, and features unique to the organization or individual line.

Monthly telephone bills, local service requests and trouble calls will be available to the organizational Telephone Control Officers on the APG Web site by Oct. 1. The electronic telephone directory will be on-line by Dec. 1.

“With the implementation of the new system, we have the capability to see what calls are being made and from which lines, a significant step forward from the old system, and one that will facilitate our holding the line on telephone costs. It begins with user understanding of what calls can and cannot be made from the workplace,” Huntley said.

Employees are reminded that calls made on Department of Defense telephone systems, with limited exception, must be for official purposes ONLY. Official business calls are defined as calls that are necessary and in the interest of the government; calls directly

related to the conduct of Defense Department business or having a direct impact on Defense Department’s ability to conduct its business. Defense Switched Networks, or DSN, should be used whenever possible.

According to Dave Scott, ethics counselor from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, authorized personal calls made during business hours over the commercial network are authorized as necessary and in the interest of the government, provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Does not adversely affect the performance of official duties.
2. Is of reasonable duration and frequency and done on the employee’s own time.
3. Serves a legitimate public interest.
4. Does not reflect adversely on the Department of Defense.
5. Creates no significant additional costs to the Department of Defense.

Generally, the following personal communications are permitted: Those communications that are most reasonably made from your normal work place, such as checking in with spouse or children; making medical, home and automobile repair and similar appointments; or making a bank or other financial transaction. Even if authorized on an individual basis, keep in mind each of the above criteria, which must be met in order to use a phone for non-official purposes.

What is NOT authorized is use of government resources to solicit business, advertise, or engage in other selling activities in support of private business enterprises. Use of the telephone for long distance toll calls or other usage fees chargeable to the government, regardless of amount, is not authorized. One must use toll-

free numbers or charge the communications or access or other fees to one’s personal credit card.

“We are presently generating telephone bills in advance of full implementation of the system slated for Oct. 1,” Huntley said. “We are spot checking these bills for anomalies, and are highlighting these for our user activities, and in turn are asking them to scrutinize these anomalies to ensure that the usage is justified and is for official use only. It is my sincere hope that between the efforts of the Telephone Control Officers and the DOIM to re-emphasize the rules governing telephone usage, and the inherent honesty and integrity on the part of APG employees, that we can make telephone abuse a thing of the past.”

Asked about the potential for savings Huntley responded, “It is difficult to provide an accurate answer at this stage in the game, as we really do not have a benchmark from which to depart. Review of the ‘prototype’ bills we are currently generating would indicate that there is significant room for improvement – possibly to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Clearly, this is a significant issue and initiative.

“It is important to note that in those instances where unauthorized expense is incurred, that we will be left with no choice but to seek re-imbursement from the employee,” Huntley said. “While this is something we hope never to have to do, the fact remains that the procedures for accomplishing this are in place, and the technology is now available to support it.”

Questions about the telecommunications management system should be directed to the DOIM, 410-278-1270.

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### Correction

The APG News apologizes for assigning improper credit to the photograph of the Bridge Crossing Simulator pictured on page 14 of the July 19 edition of APG News.

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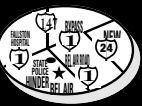
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# Army's CDTF celebrates 10 years without a lost-time accident

By Greg Mahall  
PMCD

This month, the Army's Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, a five-building complex located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, celebrates 10 years without a lost-time accident.

The term "lost-time accident" refers to a job-related injury or illness that results in

an employee being unable to work. The CDTF's zero-accident record is far better than the national lost workday incident rate, which is 3.4 percent for operations similar in size to the training facility.

In 1985, Congress directed the Department of Defense to safely dispose of its chemical weapons stockpile. The Secretary of the Army announced that disposal facili-

ties would be built under the administration of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization's newly formed Chemical Stockpile Disposal Project at eight sites across the country and on Johnston Island, 825 miles southwest of Hawaii.

Shortly thereafter, it was determined that there was a need to construct a dedicated training complex that would provide programmatic training support to personnel who would operate and maintain the disposal facilities.

The \$17 million complex provides initial training for CSDP's laboratory, operations and maintenance personnel. The CDTF trains workers in a hands-on, agent-free environment. The Army credits its 10 years without a lost-time accident to training students to be accountable for their actions and understanding that there is no room for error when maintaining and operating a chemical weapons disposal facility.

"It is this dedication to preserving the safety and health of the public and facility personnel that has given the CDTF reason to celebrate," said James Bacon, program manager for Chemical Demilitarization.

Ken Findley, CDTF's contracting officer representative, commented that "CDTF's emphasis on workplace safety, responsibility and openness would not have come this far or been this successful without the support and commitment

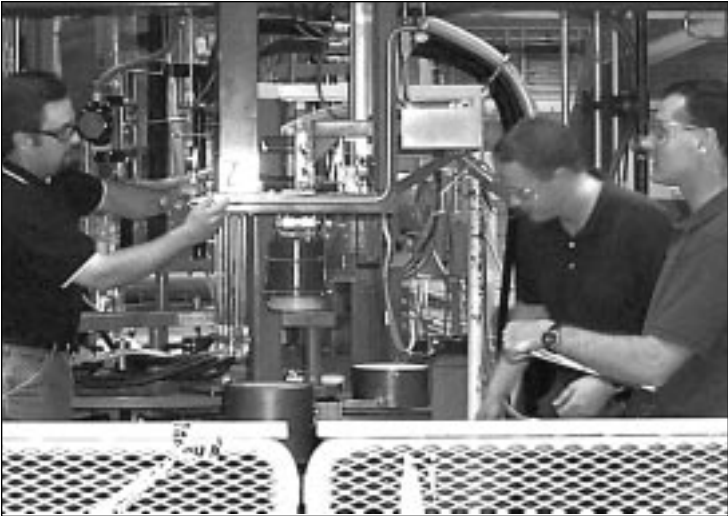


Photo by JILL EISENBERG

From left General Physics, Test and Evaluation team members Mike Vaughn, Phillip Bowman and John Lambert, team leader, perform improvement modifications to the Robot End Effector

from PMCD's management team."

Since its inception, the CDTF has conducted approximately 3,741 classes and trained nearly 21,000 employees from various chemical demilitarization program areas. The CDTF offers 2,000 course hours of a curriculum ranging from basic introductory courses, such as toxic area training, to highly specialized workshops and emergency response training. Toxic area training provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to work with chemical agents.

"A course of this nature consists of eight hours of classroom instruction followed by 40 hours of hands-on, practical exercises, which includes instruction in the proper use of protective clothing, decontamination equipment and emergency response procedures," said CDTF Project Manager Craig Seger of General

Physics, the Columbia, Md.-based company that operates and manages all facets of the training campus. "The practical exercises are conducted in a non-toxic environment and are designed to build confidence in the employee's ability to work safely in a hazardous environment."

The CDTF also houses the Data Document Control Center, a library that serves as an information resource about the various types of equipment and procedures that are or will be used at chemical demilitarization facilities.

Once employees have successfully completed training at the CDTF, they return to their facility and receive additional classroom and on-the-job training. A person is considered certified to perform his or her assigned duties only after successfully completing all classroom and site-specific training and evaluations.

Within the realm of chemi-

cal weapons and agent disposal, the CDTF is the only facility of its kind dedicated to training the disposal program workforce through using actual demilitarization equipment. Commitment to safety and accountability has resulted in its spotless decade-long record. This record can be attributed to what Seger says is an environment where all workers are accountable for upholding safety requirements and ensuring that their teammates adhere to them as well. Teaching students the importance of safe work practices is a primary objective of the CDTF training program.


"I am proud of and impressed by the CDTF's accomplishments over the past 10 years. It has provided PMCD with a dedicated, well-trained workforce that is aware of its importance to the success of our disposal program," Bacon said.

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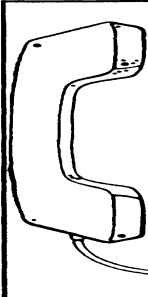
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### CONCERT, from front page

The Kentucky-born singer, one of the hottest artists in country music since he first came to national recognition in the mid-90s, was encouraged to develop his musical talent by his father, who performed in a local country band and taught his son his first chords.

Since the popularity of his debut album in 1993, the Grammy award-winner has continued to evolve, and has dedicated most of his life to finding, writing, recording and performing meaningful material. Montgomery now enjoys a limited touring schedule in order to dedicate more time to his wife and two children.

The less-frantic life style

has paid off. Recent releases from a confident, energized Montgomery who has developed an increasingly mature vocal style, run the gamut from songs from his traditional roots, the country tear-jerker "That's Not Her Picture," to the rollicking beer-joint anthem "Weekend Superstar," and a heart-melting ballad selection entitled, "Even Then."

His latest album, "Brand New Me," includes the song "The Little Girl," which is a story about a child who survives a horrific home life with the help of divine intervention. A runaway hit since it's release, the single and the album have proved to be exceedingly popular.

"It's a powerful song with a powerful message; and the melody is infectious," said Montgomery. "I strive to find songs like this. It tells a deep story and prompts an immediate reaction."

Also on his latest album is the song "I Love It All," about

life on the road. Montgomery has cut back on his touring dates, but don't expect him to quit traveling around the country and performing for his fans anytime soon.

"I've done real well in this business and there are times that I ask myself why I travel so much, why this job takes me away from home so much," Montgomery said. "But there's still the burning desire to see the crowd at the end of the show get on their feet and want more. You just hope you've given them something to cheer about. The desire is still burning inside of me and when I don't have it anymore, that's when I'll stop. Until then, I really love it all," he said.

Join Montgomery, Diamond Rio, Tim Rushlow and what is expected to be a big crowd of dedicated music fans at Shine Sports Field, Aug. 18, for what promises to be another great event in the series of summer concerts hosted by APG.

Volunteers willing to work in preparation for, during or after the concert can help the community while receiving additional perks such as free souvenirs and greater access to the performers. Profits from APG concerts go to support programs on the proving ground. For volunteer information, call 410-278-4402/4497.

The concert goes on rain or shine. Bring chairs or blankets for lawn seating. Food and beverages are available at the concert. Gates open at 6 p.m., with the concert starting at 7:30.

Purchase your tickets soon to take advantage of the discounted price of \$20 to see three top country acts. Call or stop by Information, Ticketing and Registration or Morale Welfare and Recreation outlets, 410-278-4011/4621, or get your tickets through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT. The gate purchase price the night of the concert is \$25.

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# 203rd MI activated as multi-component battalion

By **Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Hanne**  
203rd MI Bn

During a June 16 ceremony, the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Technical Intelligence) became the first unit within the U.S. Intelligence and Security Command, INSCOM, to activate as a multi-component battalion consisting of active-duty and reserve soldier.

Lt. Col. Helge Korsnes assumed command of the battalion, which is headquartered on the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The multi-component structure of the battalion represents a new unit form. Previously, reserve soldiers were attached or "plugged" into active duty units but maintained separately. The battalion is now manned with active and reserve soldiers whom work and train together on a daily basis.

The mission of the battalion is unchanged. Tasked with providing war fighter commanders with technical intelligence, the unit continues to train on foreign weapons and equipment and support operations at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. In wartime, the battalion will deploy its Technical Intelligence, TECHINT, analysts through a series of movements beginning with a liaison element followed by the entire battalion.

**A new concept**  
The initial realignment process for the multi-component concept began in 1997. INSCOM was directed to make personnel cuts and adjustments while still performing its missions. Lt. Col. Kevin Cunningham, then battalion commander, and his staff developed several options.

One was to reduce the battalion and realign it, relying heavily on reserve elements to fill out the battalion in wartime. At the time, the battalion was supporting Stabilization Forces, SFOR, with TECHINT teams in Bosnia. Two reserve units that have long supported the unit's missions, the 372nd and 383rd Military Intelligence companies from Devens Reserve Forces Training Area, RFTA, in Massachusetts, made this option the most plausible.

The next commander, Lt. Col. McGrath, continued to develop the plan while still maintaining the Bosnia mission.

During this period, the 203rd MI Battalion was realigned from the 513th MI Brigade to the National Ground Intelligence Center, located in Charlottesville, Va. After the realignment, the battalion began drawing down personnel and equipment. Meanwhile the 372nd and 383rd sent elements to Sarajevo in 1998 in support of the 203rd mission.

The reserve TECHINT units also drew down somewhat. In 1999, the 383rd deactivated and several of its soldiers were transferred to the 372nd. In 2000, the 372nd was re-designated as Company C, 203rd MI Battalion and the former 383rd was re-designated as Company B, 203rd MI Battalion.

Both companies are now relocated on APG as part of the new 203rd MI Battalion in its multi-component structure.

With the addition of reserve soldiers, the regular workweek for the battalion has changed. Each month the entire battalion spends one weekend on drills with its reserve component soldiers.

**A unique unit**  
The uniqueness of the battalion is that there is no longer a distinction between active and reserve soldiers. Each element learns from the other and both work as a cohesive team to accomplish their missions. Consequently, active component soldiers have learned much from their reserve counterparts, many of whom have extensive TECHINT experience, and reservists now have more opportunities to learn more about foreign weapons and equipment.

As the only technical intelligence unit in the U.S. Army, the 203rd MI Battalion can now accomplish its mission with readily deployable active and reserve soldiers. With this structure, each has the opportunity to observe first hand, the other's capabilities.

Applauding the initiative, retired 1st Sgt. Robert Blum recalled how untrained reservists were placed into units during the Gulf War.

"They failed to capitalize on the expertise of reserve TECHINT assets that were available," Blum said. "Using TECHINT reservists as TECHINT soldiers is to use them in the way they were trained and allows them to fight as a team," he added. Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) Leon Guerrero, agreed adding that "it would be a shame to see the vast experience and knowledge of the 203rd and its reserve units simply disappear. This way, we can work together and continue providing the war fighters with the information they need."

The Devens RFTA units moved their flags but not their personnel. The majority of experienced TECHINT reservists remain in Massachusetts.



Photo courtesy of 203rd MI BATTALION  
Lt. Col. Helge Korsnes assumes command of the newly realigned 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Technical Intelligence), on Aberdeen Proving Ground. The battalion is multi-component structured, consisting of active-duty and reserve soldiers. Shown from left during the June ceremony, Col. Michael D. Rosenbaum, Col. Dennis Lutz, 656th Area Support Group, Willow Grove, Pa., Korsnes and 203rd MI Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Kubiet. Pvt. Nicholas Hynes and the rest of the 203rd color guard look on.

**The commander**  
Lt. Col. Helge Korsnes comes to APG from the 81st Regional Support Command where he served as chief, Assistance and Investigative Division for the Office of the Inspector General.

His military education includes the Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Foreign Service Institute, Eastern European Studies, Security Managers Course, Basic Instructor Training Course, Special Security Officer Training Course, Command and General Staff College and the Inspector General Course. He holds Bachelors degrees in Behavioral Science and Political Science and a Masters degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations from the New York Institute of Technology.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3

OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with star, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Army Forces Reserve Medal with Gold X Device, and the

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2 BOLC). Korsnes has five children, Damian, 24; Kristin, 21; Adam, 16; Jeremy, 12 and Sabrina, 5.

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For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

## LEAVE DONATION

**Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:**

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	shoulder injury)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Tammy Budkey (surgery)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Mary E. Pettitway (surgery)
Geraldine S. Cragg (surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	Angela L. Reeves(maternity leave)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Michael Reynolds
Tricia Lin Dietz	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Fred Dill	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Surinder K. Dillon	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Joseph R. Dugan	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Messina Enderlein	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Willa Freisheim	Sherry Schaffer
Elaine C Garrity	Lena Shelton
Norman L. Greear	Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
Barbara A Higdon (breast cancer)	Motoko Stahl
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Rachel Swearingen
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Frances L. Thomas
Wayne A. Jaynes	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Carole Jones	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Valerie A. Jones	Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Elaine R. Wetherell
Beverly King (caring for husband)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
William Klein	
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	
Angela R. Little (neck and	

**For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.**

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50

**THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS**  
**Friday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Aug. 4, 9 p.m.**

Starring: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker



Domenic is the leader of a street gang that races Japanese cars. He is under suspicion of stealing expensive electronic equipment. An undercover police officer attempts to find the person responsible for stealing the equipment and winds up falling for Domenic’s younger sister. (Rated PG-13)



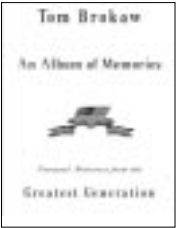
**DR. DOLITTLE 2 (FREE ADMISSION)**  
**Saturday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Eddie Murphy, Kevin Pollak

Dr. Dolittle’s animal friends want more than office visits. They want to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Dolittle and company give the money hungry land grabbers a taste of real bargaining power, wilderness style. (Rated PG)

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following military history books for your reading pleasure. Visit the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area branch Library and check out the selections.

**An Album of Memories:** Personal Histories from the Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw

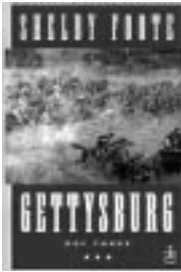


**April 1865: The Month that Saved America** by Jay Winik



**Custer and the Little Bighorn: The Man, the Mystery, the Myth** by Jim Donovan

**Gettysburg, Day Three** by Jeffry D. Wert



**Gettysburg – The First Day** by Harry W. Pfanz



**Gettysburg to Vicksburg: The Five Original Civil War Battlefield Parks** by A. J. Meek

**Grant** by Jean Edward

**Hamburger Hill: The Brutal Battle for Dong Ap Bia,** May 11-20, 1969 by Samuel Zaffiri

**The Last Battle: The Mayaguez Incident and the end of the Vietnam War** by Ralph Wetterhahn



**Mogadishu!: Heroism and Tragedy** by Kent Delong

**Somalia on Five Dollars a Day: A Soldier’s Story** by Martin Stanton

The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

**Peterson’s Independent Study Catalog** by Peterson’s for the University of Continuing Education Assoc.



**The Quick Resume & Cover Letter Book,** 2nd Ed. by J. Michael Farr

**American Seacoast Defenses, A Reference Guide** by Mark A. Berhow

**Nato’s Nations and Partners for Peace by Independent Review of Economic Political and Military Cooperation**

**The Letort Papers, Political Control Over the Use of Force: A Clausewitzian Perspective** by Suzanne C. Nielsen

**A User’s Guide to the Official Records of the American Civil War-c1,2** by Alan C. and Barbara A. Aimone

**More Generals in Gray-c1, 2** by Bruce S. Allardice

## MWR UPDATE



Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440, is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents, Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153.

**Framing class**  
A beginning matting and framing class will be held and Aug. 30, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

**Woodshop orientation**  
The woodshop will hold a safety orientation Aug. 4, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is the \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

**The Edgewood Arts and Crafts center is conducting a clearance sale on cross stitch thread and books for 10 cents each.**







# Swords and sabers glisten in Ordnance Museum opening

By **Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

Don't get Dr. Steven J. Schmit started talking about the Civil War unless you've got time on your hands. The historian, author, and collector of Civil War artifacts, harbors a self-proclaimed "passion" for the war as evidenced in the hundreds of items he has accumulated over the years.

A professor in the University of Richmond's Department of Military Science, Schmit donated more than 30 items to the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum for a Swords and Sabers of the Union Army exhibit which officially opened on June 13.

The exhibit includes ancillary items such as sword slings, belts and photographs and will be on display thru Sept. 30.

Col. John R. Hills, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade, joined Dr. William F. Atwater, museum director, and Schmit for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Schmit said he began collecting pieces in 1961. A retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, he said he looked for items wherever he was stationed, and now has hundreds of artifacts that he loans to museums around the country. Pointing out several historic pieces, Schmit said he enjoys sharing little-known facts about swords, and that he favors items that can be tied to specific individuals or battles.

Some of his favorite items in the collection include a damaged sword

belonging to Col. William G. Ely of the 18th Connecticut Volunteer Regiment whose unit performed garrison duty in Baltimore and saw action during the Second Battle of Winchester, Va.

The display includes samples of regulation and non-regulation sabers such as the 1833 Dragoon (enlisted),

the cavalry officer saber, non-regulation, 1840, and the officer light cavalry saber, model 1858-1860.

Swords include the staff and field officer sword, 1860; the musician sword, 1840; cadet swords of the U.S. Military Academy, 1840-1872; and the noncommissioned officer sword, 1840.

Also displayed are sword and

saber components and their proper names and descriptions, along with brief backgrounds on the history of each weapon.

To ensure visitors come away better informed, a series of eight questions mounted on the wall between the display cases are available for those who wish to test their knowledge after viewing the exhibit.

"As an educator, I wanted an interaction with the public so they can truly say they learned something from all this," Schmit said.

He added that swords hold a certain fascination that has held true for centuries.

"It's still surprising to see how often you see swords around today," he said, noting their presence in the

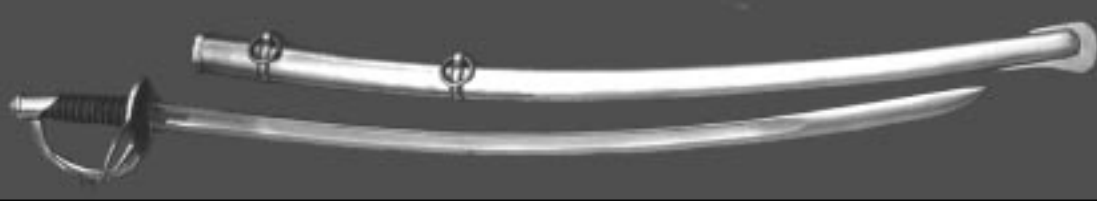
motion pictures "Brave Heart," "The Patriot," "The Mask of Zorro," and in the new television series, "Witch Blade."

He said that several popular terms are derived from swords such as "getting your point across" and "to the hilt," which are fencing terms.

"Swords are all around us, on statues, figurines, emblems and flags," Schmit said. "They still hold a ceremonial importance in the military, particularly in the Marines and the Army."

With the basement in his home filled with hundreds of artifacts, Schmit said he hopes that when he is gone, others will be able to appreciate the collection in its entirety.

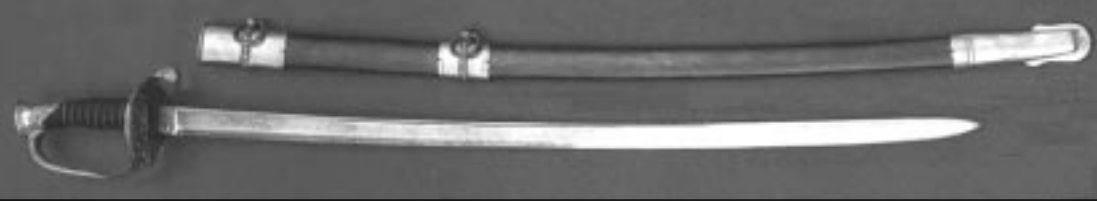
"Swords are alive and well and will be with us for many years to come," Schmit said.



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**Light Cavalry Saber, 1860 (Enlisted Pattern)**

*In need of a lighter weight saber for Cavalry use, the Ordnance Department designed the 1860 Light Cavalry Saber in 1857. The new pattern is easily distinguishable from the 1840 model by its swelled grip, shorter blade length and rounded back of the blade.*



**Foot Officer Sword, 1850**

*The most commonly seen Civil War Union officer sword, this pattern of sword remained the regulation model from 1850 to 1872. Lieutenants and captains assigned to the foot artillery, infantry and unmounted riflemen were expected to carry this weapon.*

## Soldier sings anthem to open Orioles game

By **Robert Chamberlain**  
*Army News Service*

Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Barbara S. Leonard performed before her largest audience in 30 years when she sang the Star Spangled Banner July 23 to open the Baltimore Orioles game.

Leonard has been singing since 1970, when she joined her high school choir. But last week she sang before a crowd of 40,880 at Camden Yards to begin the Orioles' game against the California Angels.

In addition to a talent for singing that drew a deluge of compliments following the national anthem, the ebullient 47-year-old has also had a long and varied military career.

Following her graduation from East Tennessee University with degrees in Vocal Music and Health Education, Leonard enlisted in the Navy. There she served on active duty as a dental technician for seven years. She then transferred to the reserve component, where she went to work for the Oral Health Services of the State of Tennessee. After five years in the Navy Reserve, Leonard decided that it was time for a change.

"I wanted to get my master's, but the Navy didn't have an MOS for what I wanted to do," Leonard said.

So, with 12 years in the Navy and a college degree, Leonard received a direct commission into the Medical Service Corps and joined the 99th Regional Support Command.

During training, Leonard sustained an injury that required her to call on the services of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency. Leonard had such a positive experience with ESGR that she is currently undergoing the training necessary to become an ESGR Training Officer.

"I saw that I could really help some people," Leonard said.

While the Orioles game (which Baltimore lost 9-4) was her first opportunity to sing the national anthem before a sporting event, it probably will not be her last. She has since received offers from the Indianapolis Colts, the Tennessee Titans, the New York Yankees, the Atlanta Braves, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Bristol Motor Speedway.

# From Swords and Sabers of the Union Army Exhibition Catalog

**Steven J. Schmit**  
*Guest Exhibit Curator*

There is a certain lore or fascination to the sword which perhaps transcends its actual military use as a weapon. Who has not heard of King Arthur's sword "Excalibur," or read about Prince Valiant's "The Swinging Sword" in the Sunday comics? When one envisions pre-20th Century close combat, it is difficult not to think of some soldier leading the charge with sword in hand.

The sword held a unique place of honor and reverence in the culture of time. Losing one's sword, or having to

surrender it in defeat, was an ignoble fate.

During the Civil War, enlisted soldiers and noncommissioned officers were issued swords and sabers by the government as their duty assignment and ranks required. However, commissioned officers were expected to purchase their own uniforms and armaments. The financial burden on a second lieutenant, who earned \$105.50 per month in

daunting. Sometimes fellow soldiers, family members or neighborhood friends would purchase an officer's sword or saber for him as a token of their esteem. During the course of the war, many soldiers received swords as gifts or rewards for acts of heroism or meritorious service.

General Ulysses S. Grant, the commanding general of all Union armies from early 1864 until the conclusion of the war, was awarded a num-

ber of swords for his services, many of which are in Smithsonian Institution collections.

Army Regulations and Ordnance manuals prescribed a standard model weapon by rank and branch of assignment. Officers were allowed to vary greatly from the approved pattern, allowing for individual tastes and finances.

Some swords and sabers, due to their exquisite design and detail, were never intended for wear in the field at all but were a ceremonial gift, much like a trophy or wall plaque today.



## SBCCOM team outhits Company B 143rd, 17-12

By **Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Command's Bubba Goodwin went 4-4 driving in three runs and Bill Lloyd drove in five more with two home runs, to propel SBCCOM to a 17-12 win over its arch rival, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion during July 25 intramural softball action.

The game served as a rubber match between the two teams who previously were tied atop the division at 8-1 with their only losses coming from each other.

"This is a grudge match," said SBCCOM coach Robert DeFebbo at the game's start.

Crediting the team's defense for holding opponents in check, he added that the team's "big bats" also are a great asset.

"Our strength is in base hits, we're not a home run-hitting team," DeFebbo said, adding that Goodwin and Christian Hill usually can be counted on to "get the hits when we need them."

Company B 143rd jumped out in front in the top of the first inning going up 3-0. In the bottom of the inning SBCCOM scored four runs then held Company B 143rd scoreless through the third inning while cruising to an 8-3 lead.

In the top of the fourth, Company B 143rd came out smoking. Shane Reed led off with a double, then Robert White's pop up dropped in center field to put runners on the corners.

Chad Ramsey followed with a run-scoring base hit to right field, then, with the corners juiced again, Ryan Bumpus ground one between first and second for a run-scoring single. Kenzeric Cook cleared the bases with an in-the-park home run but was called out for not tagging third base. Two more outs ended the productive inning for the trainees who tied the game 8-8.

Company B 143rd coach Andres Mendoza said the team

was trying to tack on as many wins as possible in light of upcoming turnovers.

"Only five players will be here for the whole season," Mendoza said. "The rest will graduate and we'll have to recruit new players from the next class."

He said motivation was the key to getting to the post season.

"This team can definitely go all the way," he added. "I stress teamwork and motivation and they always respond well."

With the score tied, SBCCOM put up its best inning of the game, scoring six runs for a 14-8 lead.

Up 14-11 in the bottom of the sixth, SBCCOM put the game away for good. First, Greg Hutchinson dropped a double in right field, and then Craig Ravenell drove Hutchinson in with a single to right. With one out, Goodwin drove in Ravenell from first base with a shot to center field. Scott Morris followed with a run-scoring single to right. With two outs, Hill tried to turn a sure double into a triple but was called out at third, to end the inning.

"We needed that one, DeFebbo said after holding Company B to one run in the seventh to win the game 17-12. "It feels good," he said of the team's lone first place standing.

"If we stay healthy and keep our players, we can take on anybody," he said, adding that, "we look forward to playing the Aberdeen Area teams."

He credited Goodwin, Lloyd and Ravenell for sparking the team's win.

"It's just a fun game," Lloyd said of his enthusiastic play. Noting the team's first-place pre-season finish, he added, "we've always been the one to beat."

Ravenell, a defensive threat at shortstop, said, "We've got sportsmanship, camaraderie and winning attitudes. Everything it takes to get us to the playoffs."

Softball Update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending July 27.

### American Division

**Results**  
*July 23*  
USMC, 25; HHC 61st, 5  
HHC 16th, 16; NCOA, 4  
HHC 143rd, 9; KUSAHC, 8  
HHC 143rd, 17; KUSAHC, 10

**Schedule**  
*Aug. 6*  
Field No. 2  
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 16th  
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. NCOA  
8:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. KUSAHC

*Aug. 8*  
Field No. 1  
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA  
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 61st

**Standings**

HHC 16th	9-0
USMC	9-1
NCOA	4-5
KUSAHC	4-7
HHC 143rd	5-5
HHC 61st	1-8

### National Division

**Results**  
*July 23*  
USMC, 9; Company A 16th, 0  
Company E 16th, 15; Company C 16th, 11

*July 25*  
Company C 16th, 20; Company A 16th, 3

**Schedule**  
*Aug. 6*  
Field No. 1

6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company A 16th  
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company E 16th

*Aug. 8*  
Field No. 2  
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company C 16th  
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company A 16th

*Aug. 9*  
Field No. 1  
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company C 16th  
7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USMC

**Standings**

USAF	7-2
Company E 16th	6-2
Company C 16th	6-4
USMC	2-6
Company A 16th	3-7

### Edgewood Division

**Results**  
*July 23*  
SBCCOM, 35; 520th TAML, 18  
Company A 143rd, 24; Company C 143rd, 20  
Company B 143rd, 1; CHPPM, forfeit

*July 25*  
Company C 143rd, 1; 520th TAML, forfeit  
SBCCOM, 17; Company B 143rd, 12

**Schedule**  
*Aug. 6*  
6:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. Company A 143rd

**Standings**

Company B 143rd	9-2
SBCCOM	8-2
Company C 143rd	6-4
Company A 143rd	5-6
CHPPM	1-6
520th TAML	dropped out



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

*Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion catcher Kenzeric Cook watches Robert "Pete" Bilotto send a fly ball to right field for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. SBCCOM defeated Company B, 143rd, 17-12 to break a season-long 1-1 tie between the two leaders of the Edgewood Division.*

# Torbert delivers student commencement address



After receiving masters degrees in administration, Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, second from left, sitting, is joined by fellow graduates and staff members of Central Michigan University for a group photo following the commencement program at Top of the Bay. From left sitting, Dr. Thomas Kessler, CMU academic advisor, Torbert, Clarence Johnson and Allison Huff MacPherson, CMU program administrator. Standing, from left, Mark Lewis, Sharon Rowell, Lee Ann Upshur-Brown and Lou Howard, CMU associate director.

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Thanking program administrators for their guidance, and his family for their support, Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's equal opportunity advisor, delivered the student address at the Central Michigan University commencement program as he and 10 others received master's degrees in administration from the school's Extended Degree Program.

At the June 21 program at Top of the Bay, Barbara Jenkins, program administrator, welcomed guests and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Thomas Kessler, CMU academic advisor. Lou Howard, CMU associate director, opened the commencement, congratulating the graduates and recalling how she spent more than 400 hours in classes and more than 800 hours studying to

obtain her degree.

"Whatever memories you take with you, I hope you are proud to say you are a graduate of Central Michigan University," she said.

In his address, Torbert acknowledged the challenges facing non-traditional students and lauded the program's sensitivity to those issues.

"This program seeks to provide educational opportunities for mature adults through non-traditional means," Torbert said. "We are a testimony that they have met that objective."

He thanked Jenkins and Allison Huff MacPherson, CMU program administrator, for the leadership opportunities they provided in naming him class president.

"In the military we have a saying, "Charlie Mike," which means continue the mission. Continue to provide the same out-

standing support for all students," Torbert said.

In closing, he thanked his wife, Yvette Torbert, a fifth grade teacher at Magnolia Middle School and his mother, Etta M. Torbert, who traveled from Opelika, Ala., for their support.

"Thank you for instilling in your children that we can accomplish whatever we direct our efforts toward. I love you, mom," he said.

Torbert, the class' only active-duty graduate, has been in the Army for 16 years. He is the first in his family to be awarded a master's degree.

"It's a great accomplishment that I thank God for," he said, adding that he plans to retire in four years and become an independent human resources consultant.

Hoping to serve as an example to soldiers of how far educational goals can take them, Torbert said servicemembers should not hesitate to challenge themselves in the education system.

"There have never been more opportunities or more people available to help you succeed," he said. "Believe that you have no limitations and you can do anything."

The graduates included Daniel Chachich, Michelle Crockett, Robert Hall, Clarence Johnson, Mark Lewis, Timothy Mackin, Victoria Miller, Sharon Rowell, Brathley E. Smith and Lee Ann Upshur-Brown.

Central Michigan University offers graduate programs in administration. With eight terms a year, classes meet three week-ends.

CMU and other educational institutions will be participating in the College Fair set for Aug. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Anyone interested in furthering their education through resident, extended learning or distance learning courses should attend.

Veteran's Administration and Green to Gold representatives will be on hand to answer questions as well as representatives from 24 organization. For information, contact the Post Education Center at 410-278-3515 or 410-436-2166.

Institutions invited to the APG College Fair include: TESST College of Technology; Cecil Community College; Central Texas College; Community College of Baltimore (Catonsville, Essex, Dundalk); Harford Community College; Central Michigan University; College of Notre Dame of Maryland; Coppin State College; DeVry Institute of Technology; Excelsior College; Florida Institute of Technology; Goucher College graduate programs; Johns Hopkins University graduate programs; Liberty University; Strayer University; Thomas Edison State College; Towson University; University of Baltimore; University of Maryland at College Park Engineering program; University of Maryland University College; University of Phoenix; the Higher Education and Technology (HEAT) Center; the Veterans Administration and the representatives from the Army's Green-to-Gold Program at Morgan State University.

# Employees, local leaders and German partners come out for garrison change of command

**COMMAND, from front page**

"I could not have picked anyone more deserving," Spidel said. "God bless our Army, God Bless America and auf Wiedersehen." Spidel repeated much of his speech in German for the benefit of the German guests.

Mark commended Kuchar and garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings for a "super ceremony."

"It's a great day to be a soldier and even better to be a soldier here on APG," she said.

She promised to work hard for all the soldiers and civilians of APG.

"I looked forward to coming here, I'm excited to be here and I'm honored to be your garrison commander," she said.

At the ceremony's conclusion, Doesburg awarded Spidel the Legion of Merit medal.

The units participating in the USAGAPG change of command ceremony included the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools'

Salute Battery led by Chief Warrant Officer Mario T. Griner; the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) led by Chief Warrant Officer Jerry L. Standridge; USAG Headquarters Support Troops, led by Capt. Hugh D. Shoults; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, USAOC&S, led by Capt. James A. Bushnell; HHC, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic led by 1st Lt. Felix A. Ortiz; HHC, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, led by Capt. Scott H. Newkirk; HHC 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, led by Capt. Martin L. Sanders; HHC, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense led by Capt. Patterson W. Taylor, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Color Guard led by Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne C. Peterson and the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada led by Lt. Cdr. Rudiger Gaza.



Photos by RALPH BROTH

## Army values top Mark's concerns

**COL. MARK, from front page**

can't say how their journeys will change once they leave here, but they are prepared by the best OC&S has to offer."

Mark said that if she has one pet peeve, it's when people don't treat others with respect.

"Trainees, NCOs, officers, employees or customers, everyone deserves to be treated with dignity," she said.

Mark said she enjoys being a soldier and looks forward to

getting out and enjoying the community.

"There's so much to do here, she said, adding that she's already been cycling and golfing. A fan of physical training, Mark said early morning exercises prepare her for her busy days.

"People smile when I talk about everything I want to do like I won't have time for it," Mark said. "I may have to pace myself."

She said her goals include

promoting the "Army of One" concept for "the sake of our young soldiers," and "maintaining the solid community ties that already exist here at APG."

"I like being a soldier, I like people and I'm excited to be here," Mark said. "There's lots to learn, but experience is the best teacher and I look forward to a great experience for all of us."

### A brief biography - Col. Mardi U. Mark

A native of Montdale, Pa., Mark has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University. Her previous assignments include Nike Hercules maintenance platoon leader and operations officer, 4th Ordnance Company, Miesau, Germany; battalion adjutant, 3rd Ordnance Battalion, Worms, Germany; battery commander, 2/57 Air Defense Artillery, Direct Support Battery, 32nd Army Air Defense Command, Ansbach, Germany; assignments officer, Ordnance Branch, U.S. Army Personnel Command; J-4 intern, Joint Staff, Pentagon; Readiness Officer, LAO-Europe, Germany; battalion executive officer, 18th Corps Support Battalion, 3rd Corps Support Command, Hanau, Germany; assistant executive officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, Va.; battalion commander, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga.; Ordnance Enlisted Branch chief, PERSCOM; and executive officer to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (Operations Research), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Mark's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with device, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Joint Staff Identification Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Mark is married to retired Lt. Col. Edward M. Fallon. She is the daughter of Honor and Leonard Mark of Montdale, Pa.

Above, well wishers look on, as outgoing APG garrison commander, Col. Robert J. Spidel, right, accepts a gift from Brig. Gen. Hans-Georg Atzinger, commander of the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada following the change of command ceremony. Spidel is headed to Heidelberg, Germany to serve as the commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Forward. Right, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, center, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, looks on as incoming garrison commander, Col. Mardi U. Mark, left, accepts congratulations from outgoing commander, Col. Robert J. Spidel, right, during the APG Garrison change of command ceremony on Fanshaw Field.



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